

AWFUL FIRE

The South Side of Milwaukee

Visited by a Fierce Conflagration.

\$20,000,000 Worth of Property

Razed to the Ground in a Night.

Whole Blocks Blown by Dynamite,

To Check the Awful Flames.

A Seething Sea of Liquid Fire.

Chicago Appealed to for Help—The Fire Still Raging at 3 a. m.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 28.—All the southern section of Milwaukee is in ruins. The dreadful conflagration is still in progress. Acres of land, embracing the great manufacturing districts of the city, have been devastated and now lie a mass of smoldering ruins. Almost the entire southern division from East Water street to the lake has been consumed. The fire broke out near the corner of East Water and Detroit streets at about 5:30 o'clock and the alarm was immediately sent in, but owing to the terrible high winds which swept easterly towards the lake, the buildings in this vicinity were speedily consumed and the fire spread with bewildering rapidity. Flying cinders dashed and sped on through the night air like a manna of pyrotechnic display. Scattering in their flight they landed upon the roofs of the large manufacturing establishments, and in a few minutes building after building was gutted and huge walls cracked and toppled to the ground. The firemen exhausted their efforts and baffled manfully, but it was impossible to get mastery of the fire, which roared on with the violent winds at almost directly east, lapping up block after block in such an alarming situation, that telegrams were quickly dispatched to Chicago, Racine and other cities for aid, all of which responded promptly, bringing fire engines and men to assist in the dire calamity.

Many Lives Lost. It is utterly impossible, at the present writing, to estimate the loss of life and property which must be considerable. At 9 o'clock the captain of the life-saving station reported the loss of four of his men, who are said to have been crushed beneath the debris of falling walls on Broadway.

Mrs. Callahan Dropped Dead of Fear. This is the only loss of life so far reported. Shortly before 9 o'clock the various departments of gas works exploded in quick succession with deafening reverberations. This loss alone represents \$100,000. All the Northwestern freight buildings and cars along the tracks are totally destroyed. Several squads of militia have been called out to protect valuable freight from robbing marauders.

At the present hour (midnight), the fire seems to have gathered fresh energy and is burning on with more intensity than ever. The immense Patton of works are in a progressed state of demolition.

Breaks Out Afresh. From reports now coming in it would seem that the matter of lives lost will be considerable. All the evening men, women and children endeavoring to save their property from the doomed dwelling. Men rushed frantically from store to store in the wholesale district, appropriating wagons or carts with which to remove their goods. Clusters from all parts of the city are filed in the work.

The streets south of Wisconsin were filled with a pouring and screaming mass of humanity, nearly every one being loaded down with household utensils. At the start it looked as though the whole sea of liquid fire would go. The flames were burning furiously in the block south of the new house of the Senate, and the wind seemed to be but little help of saving the burning mass. A force of printers was stationed on the roof and armed with pails of water succeeded in saving the building.

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Thousands Unite in Expressing Their Sorrow—The President Pays a Loving Farewell Tribute.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—Although a nation mourns today, yet nowhere are the outward manifestations of grief, the evidences of sincere sorrow, so manifest as here in Indianapolis, for so many years the home of the beloved nation, the true friend, the sincere Christian woman who was laid to rest today beneath the eluding branches of the trees in Crown Hill cemetery. Nearly every citizen of the capital knew and admired Caroline Scott Harrison, and that her death was deplored as a personal affliction by those who were not closely acquainted with her, was apparent in the outpouring of all classes—the humbust as well as the residents of the mansions on Delaware street and other fashionable thoroughfares. All had turned aside from their daily avocations to do honor to the memory of one whom they had revered and respected in life as the highest type and embodiment of American womanhood. It may be truthfully said that all Indianapolis mourned today.

Arrival of the Train.

At twenty minutes of 10 the shrill whistle of a locomotive gave evidence that the funeral train was in the yards and a couple of moments later it rolled in and came to a full stop immediately in front of the main gate. Vice President Morton was the first to alight, and he was closely followed by Postmaster General Wamamaker and Attorney General and Mrs. Miller. Behind the latter came the president, with Mrs. McKee leaning on his arm. He had a careworn and grief-stricken appearance and his features seemed to be so pinched and wan that there were many ejaculations of surprise and regret from his old neighbors. After the president, Dr. Scott and Mrs. Dimmock alighted. The president shook hands with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders in a mechanical way.

By this time the casket had been taken from the observation car, and after the friends who had been admitted to the depot had formed in double line it was borne to the hearse.

The president and his daughter were immediately behind the casket, with the members of the family following and the members of cabinet next, and the remainder of the party in the rear.

Draped in Black.

The services at the church commenced immediately upon the seating of the congregation. The interior of the sacred edifice had been elaborately draped and there was a great profusion of flowers and plants. On the other side of the pulpit were magnificent pyramids of white chrysanthemums, surrounded by majestic palms. Baskets of cut flowers depended from the side lights around the interior. The organ was entirely covered from the cornice to the top with plumed radiating streams of black and white.

At the end of the gallery was an American flag, the field covered with crepe set with white stars. Heavy folds of draping ran the entire length of the edifice on either side above the windows of stained glass. Smilax in profusion was stretched between the panels of the walls, while the base of the organ and the altar were banked with towering palms and rare exotics.

Services at the Church.

The throng on the avenue decorously fell back as the head of the cortege approached, heads were bowed and tongues were stilled. Before the casket with its wealth of floral tributes was lifted from the hearse by Judge Woods, General Wallace and Messrs. Elam, Allen, Haughey and Martindale, and borne through the canopied doors of the southern entrance.

The congregation remained standing while the mourners were being seated. The pew reserved for the bereaved husband, Dr. Scott, Mrs. Dimmock and Russell and Mrs. Harrison was directly in front of the family pew. By the time that the funeral party had been finally seated the edifice was crowded to overflowing, the doors were closed and the simple but touching service was inaugurated with the singing of "Softly and Tenderly," by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. Morrison, Mrs. W. C. Lynn and Frank Ketcham. As the voices of the singers died away Dr. Harrison stepped to the front of the platform and with uplifted hands pronounced the invocation.

The congregation joined fervently in the closing "Amen," and the pastor continued the service by reading a number of brief selections from the New Testament having reference to immortality and the reward of the righteous. The closing passage was from the seventh chapter of Revelation, having reference to the happiness of the redeemed before the throne of God.

Taking this as an appropriate subject for his discourse, the divine, in low and trembling tones, delivered a touching sermon.

Grief of the President.

A stillness as of death pervaded the sacred edifice while the minister dwelt upon the beauty and happiness of a Christian life, and how he loved and tenderly spoke directly of her who had passed away and recounted her manifold virtues, many of his hearers were moved to tears and sobs of unfeigned sobbing pervaded the church.

The president sat with his head bowed upon his breast, and several times the weeping of the mother indicated how difficult was his effort to retain his composure. There was a momentary pause after the pastor had concluded his discourse, and his place was then taken by the Rev. Dr. N. A. Hyde of the Congressionalist denomination, who delivered the prayer.

Once again the voice of the singers broke the silence. By the president's special desire, another favorite selection of his wife—"O Sweetest Solace Thought," had been chosen with which to close the services. Softly, from amid the sobs, a requiem borne upon the air, and penetrating with its soothing influence to every heart, came the sweet strains. The organ, which had been playing, was now silent.

Dr. Hyde, Oct. 28.—The funeral service was held at the home of the deceased, Mrs. Harrison, at 10:30 a. m. The service was held at the home of the deceased, Mrs. Harrison, at 10:30 a. m. The service was held at the home of the deceased, Mrs. Harrison, at 10:30 a. m.

Deadly Fall Gas.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—A mother has been added to the long and growing list of deaths in Hyde Park resulting from gas asphyxiation. The eighth case was reported at the coroner's inquest, the victim being Harriet Parker, an Englishman, 35 years of age, and a sister by name. He was found dead in a room at No. 4264 Wabash avenue last night.

Five Men Strangled.

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NOW IN SESSION AT DENVER

Miss Willard Delivers Her Annual Address to the Convention—Politics Discussed.

DENVER, Oct. 28.—The National Woman's Temperance Union began its session here this morning. A large number of delegates was present when Miss Frances E. Willard, the president, called the meeting to order. Lady Somerset and other leading temperance workers occupied seats on the platform. After devotional exercises and the transaction of routine business Miss Willard proceeded to deliver her annual address.

Special attention is paid to the question of the sale of liquor at the world's fair next year. On this point Miss Willard said:

Chicago, Ill., will be the national battleground for the next year. Every possible attempt will be made to secure from our legislature the repeal of such laws as give us a measure of protection at the world's fair from the upping tide of strong drink that is determined to break down every barrier and flow in to take possession of the great exposition. The same effort will be made in the municipality if drams shop politicians can summon the brain of the "hoodle" to bring this about. The utmost power of the W. C. T. U. should be put forth to help the gallant division of the army in Illinois and Chicago which have from the first fought with the beasts at Ephesus." This is a Christian country and Christians are commended to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. Whatever our personal views concerning the details of this plan, we must stand solidly as an association in the emergency that faces us.

Liquor Question in England.

A great deal of space was devoted to her investigations respecting the liquor question in England. She finds that England, with her 37,000,000 population, has a much larger drink bill this year than America with her 63,000,000, and says:

It is an astounding fact that 8,373 women have been arrested in the streets of London within the last year for being what the police call "drunk and disorderly." The worst of it is that this number does not at all reveal the actual enormity of the situation, for it is almost wholly the lower classes that these figures represent. There are regular sets of drinking women who club together and treat each other and do not allow themselves to fall into the hands of the police, while the secret drinking of the most aristocratic classes swells still further the potable army, wholly from the mother sex, who are giving themselves to the devil through the voluntary insanity of alcohol.

Politics Discussed.

Turning to politics she said: While my honest fealty is given to General Bidwell and the Rev. J. B. Cranfield, our own ticket—by which I mean the ticket to which the white-ribbons "band their influence" having neither money nor ballots to lend—I can still rejoice in the strong help given to the cause of civil service reform by the democratic candidate, while I grieve to learn, since my arrival, of his subservience to the tigers of Tammany hall; and I remember proudly as a patriot the clear personal record of the present president, while I bemoan his use of wine and the fact that he can by no means return to power without the liquor vote.

If we are ever to save the state we must enfranchise the sex which at this moment has to bear the most painful burden imposed by nature upon humanity, and which is much more acclimated to self-sacrifice for others than the sex which at present monopolizes the franchise. Give us the vote, that we may be recognized as self-reliant citizens. Give us the vote that we may be able to purify politics, and at present, can hardly be said to be so ideal a pure that you can afford to refuse a helping hand. Give us the vote in order that we may use it, and in using it exercise ourselves in the discharge of responsible duties in the administration of affairs which form so large a part of the realm of modern nations.

Report of the National Secretary.

The report of the national secretary, Mrs. Caroline B. Buell, is as follows: Total number of auxiliaries, including "Ys," 7,857; total membership of "Ys," 142,552; number of "Y" unions, 756; total membership, 12,353; number of coffee houses, restaurants, friendly houses and reading rooms, 252; money raised by local unions, \$305,247.71; money raised by state unions, \$123,874.49; money paid national dues, \$1,872.62; money paid national for other purposes, \$1,558.26.

THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Big Four Freight Trains Collide at Terre Haute—Engineer Killed.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 28.—Two big four freight trains collided on the Wabash river bridge here this morning. The shock broke a span of the bridge and both engines and a number of cars were dropped into the river. Wesley Allison of Mattoon, Ill., engineer of the east-bound freight, was killed and his body has not yet been found. James Hart, brakeman escaped with a broken leg, and several workmen were injured. The locomotive cannot be seen above the water and the river is a complete wreck. It is feared that about thirty-five feet. Four cars of live stock were piled in confusion in the water. The following of the injured and injured cattle was destroyed and the bridge on both sides of the river was used with great care. The train's engine was not recovered. Other locomotives and stock escaped.

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